The action taken on the resolution regarding Friday to be a Muslim holiday.

436. മിസ്റ്റർ പ. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—1101 കുംഭത്തിലെ കൌൺസിൽ സെഷനു ഞാൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച പ്രമേയത്തിന്റെ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് വല്ല നടപടികളും നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇനിയെങ്കിലും മുസ്ലീയങ്ങളുടെ ഐകകണ്ഠ്യേനയുള്ള ഈ അപേക്ഷയ്ക്കു് വേണ്ട പരിഹാരം ചെയ്യാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദയാദൃഷ്ടി പതിയുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. വെങ്കു അയ്യർ.—പുതിയ നടപടികളൊന്നും നടത്തീട്ടില്ല.

ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണു്.

The appointment of a Protector of the Depressed Classes.

437. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any petition or memorial has been received either by the Government or His Highness the Maharaja praying to appoint an officer as the Protector of the Depressed Classes, and, if so, a copy of it will be placed on the table and also the correspondence, if any, that has taken place about this matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes. Petitions have been received, and they are under the consideration of the Government. The correspondence cannot be published at this stage.

438. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to appoint an officer for protecting the interests of the so-called depressed classes, and, if so, whether the Government will place on the table the names of those who have applied for that post and to state whether the Government have selected any of them for the post?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Vide answer to question No. 437. No decision has been arrived at, and no appointment has been made.

439. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the agitations that are going on in the State for the appointment of a Special Officer for the protection of the Depressed Classes and Labour in Cochin, corresponding to the Labour Commissioner and Protector of Depressed Classes to the Government of Madras;

(b) if the answer to sub-section (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether it proposes to take any action, and, if so, what;

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(c) whether the Government have received a memorial addressed to His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin from the Pulayas and other depressed classes of the State, praying for the appointment of a Special Protector to look after their interests ;

(d) if the answer to sub-section (c) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to place the same on the table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). Vide answers to questions Nos. 437 and 438.

New appointments made in the State.

440. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state what new appointments have been made in the various departments of the State, since the appointment of the Special Finance Committee, detailing the salary for each of the posts so created, and the urgency, if any, for so creating them?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement containing the information is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

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